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At the beginning of the period, prices were unchanged to higher throughout the country. During the week, prices in all areas were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand into all outlets was generally moderate to good, with best interest where scattered features were a factor. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to becoming more available during the week. Offerings of breaking stock were adequate with most breakers working company owned production and regular commitments. Most plants worked reduced schedules this week. The trade sentiment was steady. Light type hens supplies were fully adequate for current slaughter needs.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	117-119	106-108	63-65
New York	81-83	78-81	58-61
Philadelphia	77-81	75-79	54.5-58
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	71-72	69.5-71	53-54
Jackson (1)	83-84	78-79	62-63
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	72-85	69-83	51-65
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	70-75	69-74	50-55
Detroit (2)	67-70	66-69	46-49
Major Ohio Cities (2)	68-73	67-71	47-52
Major Wisconsin Cities	71-78	69-76	50-57
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	88-89	83-85	64-65
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	110	103	92
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 23-Dec-99
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	77.37	75.00	54.93
SOUTHERN	70.14	68.24	51.52
MIDWEST	65.31	63.99	44.86
WESTERN	94.96	90.12	78.08
TWELVE METRO AREAS	80.34	77.35	60.74

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	12-28-99	12-21-99	12-29-98
Large	50-52	44-46	45-47
Medium	32-34	26-28	22-24

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Dec 27,1999
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO		5-Area
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	4.6	7.9	5.8	8.5	8.5
	Change	0.0	-1.4	0.0	-2.4	1.1
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	15.7	20.9	7.2	14.9	18.0
	Change	-0.5	0.9	-1.6	-6.0	0.7
Large	Curr Wk	23.9	64.2	39.0	51.8	68.1
	Change	-8.0	19.8	-12.1	-6.8	-1.1
Medium	Curr Wk	12.7	28.3	12.8	18.5	20.0
	Change	-0.2	-1.7	2.2	1.9	1.3
Small	Curr Wk	2.6	5.4	3.8	6.4	5.5
	Change	0.6	2.1	0.4	0.4	-0.9
Misc	Curr Wk	5.8	18.7	7.7	11.6	7.4
	Change	-8.5	-0.2	-0.4	0.3	2.4
Ungraded	Curr Wk	30.6	40.7	17.4	21.1	47.9
	Change	5.6	-0.9	3.7	1.1	5.2
Total	Curr Wk	95.9	186.1	93.7	132.8	175.4
Percent	Change	-10%	11%	-8%	-8%	5%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg		683.9		0%		165
Shell Egg Breaking Stock		404.5		4%		40

Total Shell Egg 1088.4 1% 205
1/Information is supplied by a universe of 165.0 cooperators who

normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 25-DEC-99

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED.
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	943,156	21,058	9,305	5,265	2,205	3,234
PW	1,197,215	27,472	11,206	6,834	2,755	3,942
LY	888,096	20,127	9,036	4,539	2,273	2,820
% PW	-21	-23	-17	-23	-20	-18
% LY	6	5	3	16	-3	15
1999	57,295,534	1,290,631	549,351	301,927	131,123	182,822
1998	53,977,401	1,237,775	535,166	281,631	125,506	173,078
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -						
	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST			
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR			
	41.20	41.31	41.12			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 25-DEC-99
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	261.2	9.0	3
E.N. CENTRAL	478.5	0	9
W.N. CENTRAL	203.5	7.0	15
S. ATLANTIC	219.2	-3.0	6
S. CENTRAL	78.9	-1.0	2
WEST	24.0	-88.0	-10
TOTAL	1,265.3	-11.0	5
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		90	90

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	15 Selected States	DEC 25	in 15 Selected States	DEC 25
	DEC 18	DEC 25	DEC 18	DEC 25
	Thousand			
AL	28,275	28,211	20,669	20,986
AR	30,644	30,429	24,092	23,503
DE	4,088	4,328	4,887	5,181
FL	2,591	2,682	2,268	2,470
GA	31,565	31,283	*24,869	25,026
MD	8,659	8,552	6,403	6,169
MS	17,685	17,255	14,763	14,386
NC	17,931	17,682	14,067	13,613
PA	3,698	3,475	2,741	2,762
SC	4,980	4,962	3,791	4,070
TX	14,714	14,058	10,830	10,769
VA	6,404	6,400	4,939	5,080
CA, TN, & WV	*10,980	10,520	*10,635	9,534
15 State Total	*182,214	179,837	*144,954	143,549
Previous Year	180,235	179,725	143,605	139,166
Pct. of Prev.	101	100	101	103

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 5-Feb-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 152.5 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 151.6 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 151.0 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 153.5 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.43 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 12/23/99-12/29/99

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	54.29	54.50	55.50	57.85	52.96	55.00	49.00
GNR W 2	—	49.00	—	—	47.50	52.00	4.00
GNR W 3	—	—	36.00	37.00	—	—	3.00
GNR W 4	—	—	25.50	27.00	—	—	1.00
GL W XL	—	—	77.00	74.80	58.68	—	4.50
GL W LG	—	66.00	61.67	63.00	54.55	—	17.50
GL W MD	—	—	40.50	42.00	39.27	43.00	20.00
GL W SM	—	—	23.25	25.38	—	—	4.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	27.43	29.14	7.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 25-DEC-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW		PW		PERCENT CHG
	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	
ATLANTA	33.30		32.6		2 -4
BOSTON	4.20		3.6		17 -51
CHICAGO	58.60		63.4		-8 17
DETROIT	38.20		45.9		-17 1
KANSAS CITY	0.10		0.1		0 0
LOS ANGELES	96.80		100.3		-3 20
NEW ORLEANS	13.20		12.4		6 -18
NEW YORK	43.50		47.6		-9 2
ST. LOUIS	15.90		15.3		4 15
SAN FRANCISCO	25.90		24.4		6 9
TOTAL	329.70		345.6		-5 7
4 WK MVG AVG	316.70				

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED Week Ending 18-Dec-99

FRYER-ROASTERS		YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
THOUSANDS				
HEAD	0	3,962	44	4,006
AVG WT	0.00	26.37	26.34	26.37
LAST WEEK	0	4,551	47	4,598
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	4,236	35	4,271
AVG WT	0.00	24.44(A)	25.80	24.45
TO-DATE/1999	56	244,594(A)	1,861	246,511
TO-DATE/1998	72	255,177(A)	1,873	257,122

(A) Includes 740,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 1,095,000 in 1998.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 18-DEC-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			FRYER RSTR	OLD BAND	TOTAL TKY
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG			
	HEAD	% CHG	WT	—THOUSAND	HEAD—	WT
N EAST	860	0	23.48	(A)	(A)	875 23.54
S ATL	561	0	29.53	(A)	(A)	580 29.45
N CENT	1,773	0	28.40	(A)	(A)	1,781 28.37
S CENT	580	0	22.99	(A)	(A)	581 23.00
WEST	188	0	21.52	(A)	(A)	189 21.58
U.S.TOTAL	3,962(B)-18	26.37		0	44	4,006 26.37
TO DATE						
1999	244,594(B)			56	1,861	246,511
TO DATE						
1998	255,177(B)			72	1,873	257,122

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 9,000 for the year 740,000; last year to date 1,095,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 25-Dec-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	117,493(A)	1,694	1,052	2,746	456
AVG WT	5.05	3.48	7.67	5.08	6.80
LAST WEEK	149,008	2,594	1,652	4,246	384
YR AGO	106,850	1,428	926	2,354	497
AVG WT	4.98	3.33	8.07	5.20	6.53
TO-DATE/1999	7,659,252	105,174	71,875	177,049	22,565
TO-DATE/1998	7,410,831	102,796	63,998	166,794	23,051

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 137.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 118.9 million head or 19.0 million head less than or 86 percent of estimated fryers available.

**** NOTICE - CORRECTION for WEEK ENDING 18-Dec-99 on:****

HEAD HEAVY HENS: 1,652* TOTAL HENS: 4,246*
TO-DATE/1999 70,823* 174,303*

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 01-Jan-00

	CURRENT WEEK 01/01/00(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 12/25/99
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	124,759(2)	120,987
LT HENS	1,582	1,717
HVY HENS	1,093	1,170
TOTAL	127,434	123,874

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 01-Jan-00 is 140.4 million head compared to 127.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 126.3 million head or 14.1 million less than estimated available. For week of 08-Jan-00 the estimated available is 144.3 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
NOVEMBER 20	147.3	140.5	105	4.97
27	111.1	140.3	79	4.97
DECEMBER 4	155.9	143.6	109	5.08
11	153.3	144.1	106	5.01
18	150.8	139.5	108	5.05
25	118.9	137.9	86	5.05
YEAR TO DATE	7753.9	7676.9	101	
JANUARY 1		137.9		
JANUARY 7		144.3		

12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from 20-Dec-99	20-Dec-99	28-Dec-98
27-Dec-99	57.91	-0.19	58.10
			59.02

NUMBER OF LOADS 604

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 12/27/99-01/01/00.

	U.S. GRADE A MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	COMPOSITE WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	49.00-52.00	51.88	47	54.22	78
Los Angeles	64.00	62.99	63	62.21	124
New York	50.00-55.00	53.09	43	55.09	80

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/ 8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-68	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-66	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-68	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	53-63	53	53.00	80
CENTRAL REGION	60-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	62-64	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 27-Dec-99	4,817	64,552	74,694
AM 1-Dec-99	3,309	82,430	74,738
CHG	1508	-17878	-44
PCT CHG	46	-22	0

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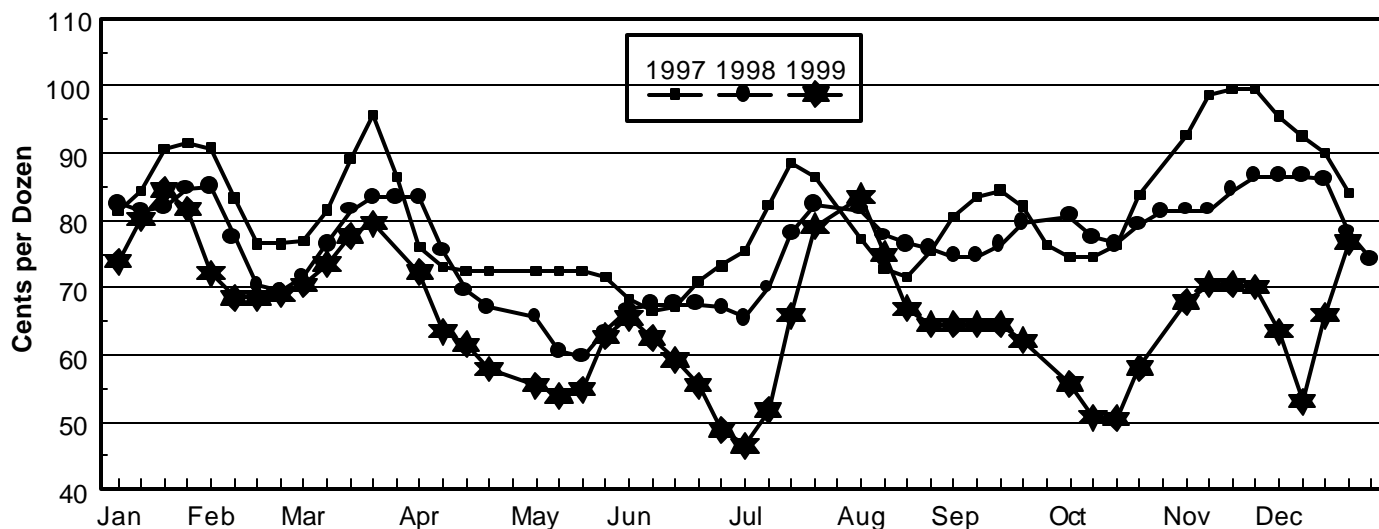
Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
12/27/99			
Southeast	8-16.5(1)	8-14.5	10.96
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	9-19.5(1)	11-13	12.83
12/24/99			
Eastern	0-0(1)		
Eastern	0 2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-5(2)		
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading			
(2) At Farm Producer Loading			

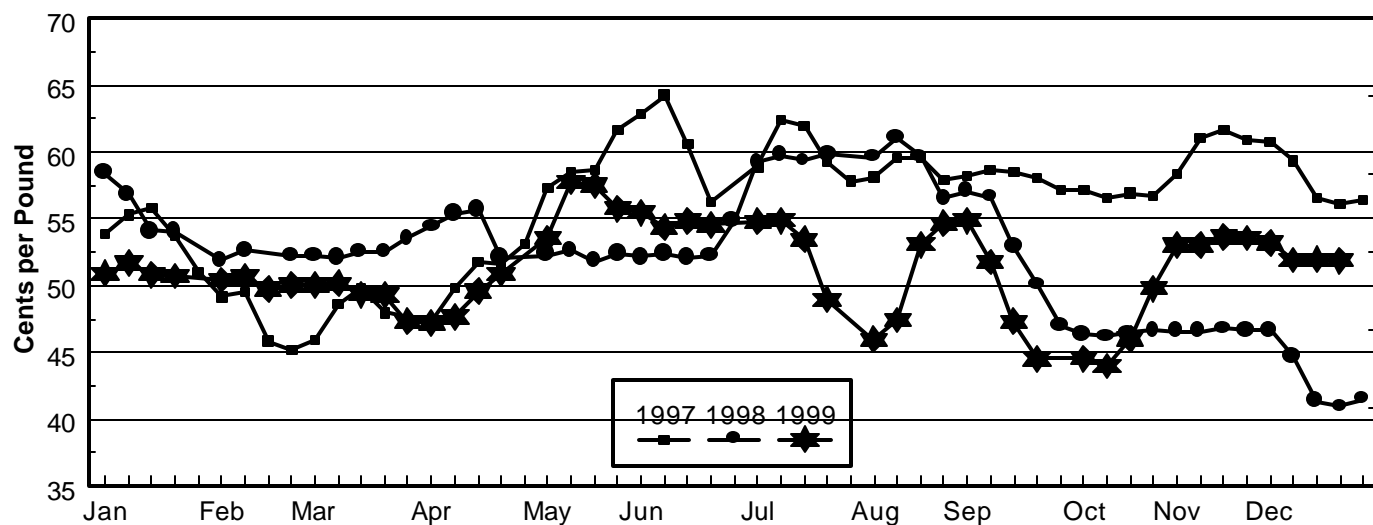
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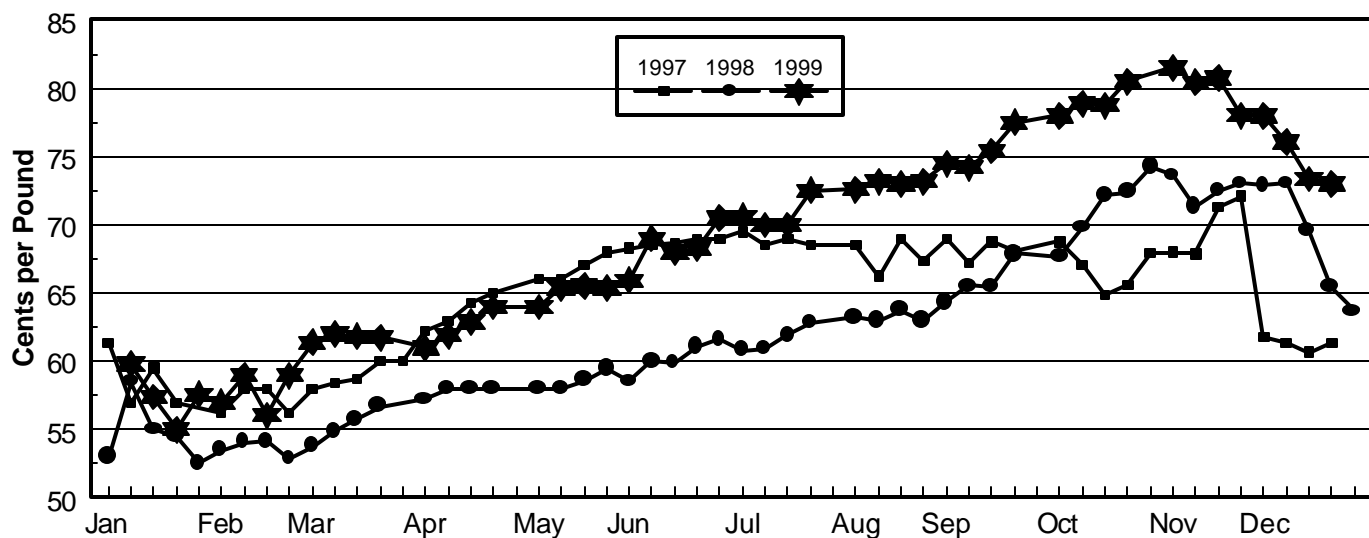
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1997, 1998, 1999



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1997, 1998, 1999



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.